

**OCTOBER 26, 2003 – 3:00 P.M.
AND THE AFTERMATH**

**FLINN SPRINGS/
DUNBAR LANE AREA**

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Looking north toward Blossom Valley and the end of Dunbar Lane, from my driveway on Black Ridge Road, Space 23, Woodcreek Estates, Flinn Springs. When thick smoke reached the white pick-up truck (and I assume it had left), I did too, without my cat, Sali, who did not respond. The following Wednesday we were allowed to return but with no heat or water and dust everywhere and in came Sali with eight lives left!



As I left, I took this shot at the north end of Silva Road, looking towards Blossom Valley. It shows the first helicopter to arrive at the scene.



Just after 3:00 p.m., looking north from Olde Highway 80, assuming upper Dunbar Lane is gone. Woodcreek Estates is behind trees. Flames are headed south where the fire jumped Arnold Way just below Casino Inn (Alpine Boulevard) and headed for Harbison Canyon and Crest.



As I evacuated east to Viejas Casino at about 4:00 or 5:00 p.m., I looked north from the Alpine VFW parking lot. The casino evacuated at midnight, so we spent the night at the Descanso exit from Highway 8.



The aftermath of upper Dunbar Lane from Northwest to East.





